



**Greensboro  
Police  
Department  
Citizen's Academy**

**APPLICATION**

## Message from the Chief of Police

*The Greensboro Police Department has established a set of Guiding Principles to assist us in measuring accomplishments related to our purpose, our values, and our way. The Citizen Police Academy is one means by which we can include citizens that are interested in learning more about law enforcement but more importantly citizens that are interested in knowing more about the Greensboro Police Department, to measure our accomplishments. Citizen support, input, and concerns are critical to the Department accomplishing our purpose, values, and way.*

*The Greensboro Police Department has offered the Police Citizen Academy to citizens of Greensboro and Guilford County since 1992. It is the wish of the Department to provide a training course citizens will find useful and a course which focuses on the realities of policing. The Academy also provides an opportunity for citizens and police to put an end to some of the traditional suspicions and misconceptions generally harbored by both citizens and police officers. The ultimate goal of the Police Citizen Academy is to enhance partnerships and citizen participation while citizens increase their knowledge of law enforcement and the mission of police personnel.*

*The consensus of Academy graduates is that the class is a very worthwhile learning experience and should be continued so that more citizens will be exposed to the course curriculum. We attribute much of the Academy's popularity to partnerships established, which is the basis of Community Oriented Policing.*

*As Interim Chief of Police of the Greensboro Police Department, I encourage you to participate in the Citizens' Academy to learn more about your Police Department and help us explore additional ways to work together for the common good of Greensboro and its citizens.*

*Timothy Bellamy, Interim Chief of Police*



## **Greensboro Police Department Citizen's Academy**

The Citizen's Academy is designed to teach citizens about the philosophy, policies, and guiding principals of law enforcement and ethical conduct governing police services in our community. This 45-hour course is a condensed version of the basic training curriculum taken by new police officers during their pre-service education and training. Basic classroom instruction, presentations, and demonstrations may be supplemented with elective participation in firearms training, firearms practice on the police firearms range, and through riding with police officers on patrol.

Two classes are offered annually during the fall and spring. The Academy lasts for ten weeks with two hour classes on Tuesday night from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m..

The Citizen's Academy is designed to:

- enable citizens to make more informed judgments about the Police Department and its daily operations
- enable the Police Department to become more aware of the feelings and concerns of the community, and
- build harmonious relationships between citizens and police personnel

Modeled after similar programs developed in England and in the United States, Greensboro's Citizen's Academy enjoys wide popularity among diverse communities and attracts approximately 60 selected men and women each year. Greensboro's Citizen's Academy is one of the first endeavors in North Carolina, and today other cities are studying our model to develop academies in their own communities.

Graduates are invited to join an alumni association and may pursue any number of volunteer opportunities with the Police Department. The Citizen's Academy Alumni Association also serves as a focus group for the Chief of Police.



# Greensboro Police Department CITIZEN'S ACADEMY APPLICATION

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| First Name | Middle Name | Last Name | M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Social Security Number | Height <i>Feet</i> <i>Inches</i> | Weight <i>Pounds</i> |
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| Nicknames or Aliases | Name (Emergency Contact)                      Phone Number |
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| Present Mailing Address | Street |
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|  | City | State | Zip |
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| How long? <i>Years/Months</i> | Home Phone | Work Phone |
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| If Less Than 5 Years<br>Previous Address | Street |
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|  | City | State | Zip |
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| Date of Birth | Place of Birth |
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| US Citizen? | Naturalized? | Other? |  | Driver's License Number |
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| Potential participants for Citizen's Police Academy must meet the following criteria:<br><br>_____ minimum age - 18 years of age<br><br>_____ not convicted of any felonies<br><br>_____ no serious misdemeanor arrests within three years of application | <input type="checkbox"/> African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic American | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American | <input type="checkbox"/> White | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>Specify</i> _____ |
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| The Greensboro Police Department reserves the right to decline an applicant for cause when in the best interest of the agency. | How did you find out about our Citizen's Police Academy? |
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| <b>POLICE INTERESTS</b> | <b>CITIZEN'S ACADEMY<br/>TRAINING CALENDAR</b> |
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| Please list three (3) Police areas or issues in which you are most interested: |
| 1. _____   |
| 2. _____   |
| 3. _____   |

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| Indicate the date(s) you would like to attend: |
| _____ Fall                                     |
| _____ Spring                                   |

# Greensboro Police Department Citizen's Academy Schedule

| Course Title  | Course Title                                      | Course Title  |
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| Welcome & Reception/Tour<br>Introduction/Orientation<br>Department Mission, Structure &<br>Function | Mechanics of Arrest<br>Youth Division             | Special Operations Division<br>Mechanics of Arrest:<br>Vehicle Stop |
| Police Officer Selection<br>Training<br>Patrol Bureau   | Use of Deadly Force                               | Range Program   |
| Staff Services Division<br>Identification Section   | Fire Arms Training                                | Vice/Narcotics<br>Criminal Justice System                           |
| Criminal Law<br>Fire Arms Safety  | Crime Prevention Techniques                       | Community Affairs<br>Criminal Investigation                         |
| Constitutional Law<br>Laws of Arrest, Search & Seizure  | Defensive Tactics                                 | Domestic Violence<br>DWI  |
| Budget & Evaluation<br>Law Enforcement Communications   | Police K-9 Unit<br>Special Investigation Division | Graduation  |
| Firearms Training Simulator (F.A.T.S.)  | Ethics in Law Enforcement                         |   |

*ORDER OF SESSIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE*

From  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

To

**Community Affairs Office**  
Greensboro Police Department  
P.O. Box 3136  
Greensboro, North Carolina 27402-3136